

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2012
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order
Flag Salute, Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Ridgewood News*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:

Council members: Brophy, Carrick, Freeman, Hayes, Stylianou (left at 7:45PM),
Zamechansky-present
Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilwoman Zamechansky
Second: Councilman Carrick
All in favor

The resolution to go into closed session for discussion of potential litigation concerning NJEIT Phase II easements and tax appeals was read by the Municipal Clerk

Motion: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Freeman, Hayes, Stylianou,
Zamechansky-yes

Motion to go back into public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

The meeting moved into the Courtroom due to the number of people present.

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Roll Call:

Council members: Brophy, Carrick, Freeman, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present
Mayor Kelly-present

Mayor Kelly explained that there had been a presentation by Mr. Mancinelli, the Borough's tax appeal attorney, during closed session. The next presentation would be given by Captain Mark Lepinski, County Police. The town is looking for ways to save money but this is just informational.

Captain Lepinski gave the members of the Council a packet and introduced himself as a captain with the Bergen County Police Department, Communications Director for the County of Bergen, the County 911 Coordinator and he also is a Commissioner on the State Public Safety Commission. He understands everyone's concerns. The Captain explained that the Communications Center is about providing equal or better service to the residents and public safety members; saving money is a bonus. He recommended that the public safety members and administration come for a tour of the facility in Mahwah. Captain Lepinski read the Mission Statement of the Bergen County Communications Center. He explained the Center's advanced technology. A total of 794 hours of training is required for the PST's. There is a questionnaire to be filled out by the administration which would provide a better idea as to what goes into Dispatch and would give the County information on how they can support the town. There is also a letter in the packet from Leonia about their transition with the County. During the storm of 2011 during an eleven hour period the Center handled 2200 calls.

Councilwoman Zamechansky asked if it was true that during Hurricane Irene and the October snowstorm the Center went down. The Captain's response was that it was not true. She feels that it's important to have Emergency Services on board with this.

Chief Venezio and Deputy Fire Chief Byrd said they had no questions at this time but would be interested in taking another tour of the facility.

Councilman Brophy asked if the quality assurance report is available to them to review. He asked about the challenges in transitioning to the County. He was told that the dispatchers are trained on policies and procedures of each community.

Councilman Carrick asked if they can tell the location of a cell phone call; the cost to the Borough and if the town has to turn over their FCC license to the County.

Charles Callari-Vice-president of American Traffic Solutions, explained the Red Camera Light Violation. The Department of Transportation determines whether or not a municipality qualifies for this program. Right now there is a 25 town cap on the program. The red light fine is \$85 for violators-\$46 for the municipality, \$27.50 for the County, and \$11.50 for the State. If the County wishes to derive their portion of the revenue they must agree to offset 50% of the expense of the vendor. If they decide not to split the revenue, the money reverts to the municipality. There are no points associated with this violation. There are two cameras on the traffic light. The police department reviews the info on a monitor stored in the Police Department; they are the only ones who can issue a summons. It takes an average of 30-45 seconds to complete a transaction. The municipal court administrator receives it on her automated traffic system database.

An RFP has to be advertised. Once the municipality chooses a vendor, they will perform a study and then complete an application to DOT. There was discussion as to

whether the vendor should perform the study or pay an outside person to complete the study. Mr. Paster stated that the municipality would have to adopt an ordinance.

ATS installs, operates and maintains the technology for the life of the contract. They take a piece of the revenue from the collection side; there are no out-of-pocket expenses for the municipality.

Chief Venezio, Captain Faulborn, Lt. Conner and Lt. McKeary asked about training, responsibility and process.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#12-87 Approval of Barbara Migliaccio Breast Cancer Charitable Fund Drive *

#12-88 Authorization of Proposal for DeBiasse & Seminara Architects-Garage

Construction Drawings and Bid Services for NJEIT Phase II Flood Control

Project-\$975.00 and Authorization for the Municipal Clerk to Advertise for Bids *

Motion to adopt: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Freeman, Hayes, Zamechansky-yes

Non-Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION

#12-72 Appointment of Thomas Ciotti to the Ethics Board-motion to **table** until the next meeting; resumes from other residents have been submitted and need to be reviewed:

Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Freeman

Councilman Hayes, Ethics Board liaison, stated that it is important to appoint members to the Ethics Board now because the Board does not have a quorum.

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Freeman, Hayes, Zamechansky-yes

ADMINISTRATOR PERKINS' REPORT

The TwinBoro Remediation project is going very well. The Mayor, Councilman Carrick and Councilwoman Zamechansky were on site.

The Borough realized a savings of \$93,000 through the Clean Energy Program. The fire houses and library will be done this month.

The Phase II preconstruction meeting took place last week.

The PBA will be hosting a beefsteak dinner June 1st.

The DPW requested the hiring of four seasonal employees beginning March 26th.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Antonios Panagopoulos, T&M engineer introduced Gregg Kasko, the inspector handling the day-to-day inspections for the Phase II drainage project. The project schedule is displayed in the conference room. There will be two week look-ahead updates. Notices will be given to residents involved. There are issues with the utilities and some easements. Tomco will be running two crews-one for the brook and one for the pipe. There was discussion as to storing soil behind Grant School. The engineer spoke to Mr. Dunne yesterday.

The punchlist for the Pump Station project is being addressed. The final paving at White Beeches and electrical still needs to be completed.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilman Brophy

Shade Tree Commission

Arbor Day is scheduled for April 27th

- Councilman Carrick

No report

- Councilman Freeman

No report

- Councilman Hayes

Joint Land Use Board

New officers were appointed.

RFQ's for professionals are being reviewed

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Senior Center

The St. Patrick's Day party will be held March 16th

Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber is considering holding a Farmer's Market from May to October.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Paster stated that he and the engineer are trying to clean up the remaining easements needed for NJEIT Phase II. There were a total of 161 easements; fourteen are left.

The ordinance involving St. Mary's has been recorded. The roadbed can now be vacated without issues.

He was able to clear up some confusion as to appointments of the Joint Land Use Board.

Mr. Paster was asked by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Ebenhack to prepare protocol to clean up properties at no cost to the Borough.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The reassessment company is available by appointment to meet with residents.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

1. Barbara Correa, 240 Larch Avenue, asked how much land behind Grant School would be used for soil storage and if the school is aware of it.
2. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, said he understands that the Borough will be having ATS do a study free of charge in order to move forward with an RFP. He asked if this would be perceived as a conflict of interest.
3. Richard McLaughlin, 58 Prospect Avenue, asked the amount of savings that would be realized by the Borough if they participated in the County Dispatch shared services.
4. Barbara Correa, 240 Larch Avenue, a school board member, asked whether dumping soil was part of the presentation to the Board of Education he made two years ago. She has a concern about contaminated soil.

It was pointed out that the soil is tested in order to have it hauled away; not because it is contaminated.

It was decided to look into other options for storage of soil.

Motion to adjourn: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk

